

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 22.7(2) and 139A.8(8), the Iowa Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 7, “Immunization and Immunization Education: Persons Attending Elementary or Secondary Schools, Licensed Child Care Centers or Institutions of Higher Education,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 7 describe the immunization requirements of persons attending elementary or secondary school and licensed child care centers in Iowa. These amendments add language pertaining to vaccination for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap vaccine) for students in secondary school, as well as language pertaining to transition of the immunization registry to a web-based system.

Following is a summary of the changes from the existing rules:

In Item 1, references to Iowa Code chapters which no longer exist are stricken from the definition of “physician.”

In Item 2, the Immunization Requirements Table is replaced with a new Table which adds a vaccination for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap vaccine) for students in secondary school and adds a new footnote number 2, which requires renumbering the subsequent footnotes.

Item 3 amends subrule 7.7(1) to be consistent with language in subrule 7.6(1).

Item 4 amends the list of information which may be provided to the registry by enrolled users by removing “Contradictions, precautions” and replacing it with “Patient comments.”

Item 5 updates terminology by replacing “an identification code and password” with “an organization code and user name.”

Item 6 adds the admitting official of a postsecondary school to the list of persons to whom the Department may release information from the registry.

Item 7 adds postsecondary schools to the list of schools to which a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant shall disclose a student’s immunization information upon request.

Item 8 adds postsecondary schools to the list of schools and child care centers that shall disclose immunization information among the list upon request.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these proposed amendments on or before October 23, 2012. Such written materials should be directed to the Bureau of Immunization and TB, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; fax (800)831-6292. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Bureau of Immunization and TB at (800)831-6293.

Also, there will be a public hearing on October 23, 2012, from 9 to 10 a.m., at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

The public hearing will originate from Room 415 of the Lucas State Office Building and will be accessible over the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) teleconference system by calling 1-866-685-1580 and entering the conference code 5152817200 when prompted.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Public Health and advise of specific needs.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 139A.8 and 22.7(2).

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule ~~641—7.1(139A)~~, definition of “Physician,” as follows:

“*Physician*” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to Iowa Code chapter ~~148, 150, or 150A~~.

ITEM 2. Rescind the Immunization Requirements Table in subrule ~~7.4(1)~~ and adopt the following **new** table in lieu thereof:

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants enrolled or attempting to enroll shall have received the following vaccines in accordance with the doses and age requirements listed below. If, at any time, the age of the child is between the listed ages, the child must have received the number of doses in the "Total Doses Required" column.

Institution	Age	Vaccine	Total Doses Required
Licensed Child Care Center	Less than 4 months of age	This is not a recommended administration schedule, but contains the minimum requirements for participation in licensed child care. Routine vaccination begins at 2 months of age.	
	4 months through 5 months of age	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	1 dose
		Polio	1 dose
		<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	1 dose
		Pneumococcal	1 dose
	6 months through 11 months of age	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	2 doses
		Polio	2 doses
		<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	2 doses
		Pneumococcal	2 doses
	12 months through 18 months of age	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	3 doses
		Polio	2 doses
		<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	2 doses; or 1 dose received when the applicant is 15 months of age or older.
		Pneumococcal	3 doses if the applicant received 1 or 2 doses before 12 months of age; or 2 doses if the applicant has not received any previous doses or has received 1 dose on or after 12 months of age.
	19 months through 23 months of age	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses
		Polio	3 doses
		<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	3 doses, with the final dose in the series received on or after 12 months of age, or 1 dose received when the applicant is 15 months of age or older.
		Pneumococcal	4 doses; or 3 doses if the applicant received 1 or 2 doses before 12 months of age; or 2 doses if the applicant has not received any previous doses or has received 1 dose on or after 12 months of age.
		Measles/Rubella ¹	1 dose of measles/rubella-containing vaccine received on or after 12 months of age; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella from a U.S. laboratory.
		Varicella	1 dose received on or after 12 months of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 1997, unless the applicant has had a reliable history of natural disease.
	24 months and older	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses
		Polio	3 doses
		<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	3 doses, with the final dose in the series received on or after 12 months of age; or 1 dose received when the applicant is 15 months of age or older. Hib vaccine is not indicated for persons 60 months of age or older.
		Pneumococcal	4 doses if the applicant received 3 doses before 12 months of age; or 3 doses if the applicant received 2 doses before 12 months of age; or 2 doses if the applicant received 1 dose before 12 months of age or received 1 dose between 12 and 23 months of age; or 1 dose if no doses had been received prior to 24 months of age. Pneumococcal vaccine is not indicated for persons 60 months of age or older.
		Measles/Rubella ¹	1 dose of measles/rubella-containing vaccine received on or after 12 months of age; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella from a U.S. laboratory.
Varicella		1 dose received on or after 12 months of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 1997, unless the applicant has had a reliable history of natural disease.	

Elementary or Secondary School (K-12)	4 years of age and older	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ^{4,5}	3 doses, with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born on or before September 15, 2000 ² ; or 4 doses, with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born after September 15, 2000, but before September 15, 2003 ² ; or 5 doses with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 2003 ³ ; and 1 time dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap) for applicants in grades 7 and above, if born on or after September 15, 2000, regardless of the interval since the last tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine.
		Polio ⁷	3 doses, with at least 1 dose received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born on or before September 15, 2003; or 4 doses, with at least 1 dose received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born after September 15, 2003. ⁶
		Measles/Rubella ¹	2 doses of measles/rubella-containing vaccine; the first dose shall have been received on or after 12 months of age; the second dose shall have been received no less than 28 days after the first dose; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella from a U.S. laboratory.
		Hepatitis B	3 doses if the applicant was born on or after July 1, 1994.
		Varicella	1 dose received on or after 12 months of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 1997, but born before September 15, 2003, unless the applicant has had a reliable history of natural disease; or 2 doses received on or after 12 months of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 2003, unless the applicant has a reliable history of natural disease. ⁸

¹ Mumps vaccine may be included in measles/rubella-containing vaccine.

² DTaP is not indicated for persons 7 years of age or older, therefore, a tetanus-and diphtheria-containing vaccine should be used.

³ The 5th dose of DTaP is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered on or after 4 years of age.

⁴ Applicants 7 through 18 years of age who received their 1st dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine before 12 months of age should receive a total of 4 doses, with one of those doses administered on or after 4 years of age.

⁵ Applicants 7 through 18 years of age who received their 1st dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine at 12 months of age or older should receive a total of 3 doses, with one of those doses administered on or after 4 years of age.

⁶ If an applicant received an all-inactivated poliovirus (IPV) or all-oral poliovirus (OPV) series, a 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered on or after 4 years of age.

⁷ If both OPV and IPV were administered as part of the series, a total of 4 doses are required, regardless of the applicant's current age.

⁸ Administer 2 doses of varicella vaccine, at least 3 months apart, to applicants less than 13 years of age. Do not repeat the 2nd dose if administered 28 days or greater from the 1st dose. Administer 2 doses of varicella vaccine to applicants 13 years of age or older at least 4 weeks apart. The minimum interval between the 1st and 2nd dose of varicella for an applicant 13 years of age or older is 28 days.

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ITEM 3. Amend subrule 7.7(1) as follows:

7.7(1) A valid Iowa department of public health provisional enrollment certificate shall be submitted by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by the applicant's parent or guardian to the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center in which the applicant wishes to enroll. Applicants who have begun but not completed the required immunizations may be granted provisional enrollment. To qualify for provisional enrollment, applicants shall have received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines or be a transfer student from another school system. A transfer student is an applicant seeking enrollment from one United States elementary or secondary school into another. To be valid, the certificate shall be the certificate of immunization issued by the department, a computer-generated copy from the immunization registry, or a certificate of immunization which has been approved in writing by the department. The certificate shall contain, at a minimum, the applicant's last name, first name, and date of birth, the vaccine(s) administered, the date(s) given, the remaining vaccine(s) required, the reason that the applicant qualifies for provisional enrollment, and the signature of a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant. Persons validating the provisional certificate of immunization are not held responsible for the accuracy of the information used to validate the provisional certificate of immunization if the information is from sources other than their own records or personal knowledge. Persons signing the provisional certificate of immunization shall certify that they have informed the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, the applicant's parent or guardian of the provisional enrollment requirements.

a. and b. No change.

ITEM 4. Amend paragraph 7.11(3)"n" as follows:

n. ~~Contraindications, precautions~~ Patient comments;

ITEM 5. Amend subparagraph 7.11(4)“a”(2) as follows:

(2) Enrolled users of the registry who have completed an enrollment form that specifies the conditions under which the registry can be accessed and who have been issued an ~~identification code and password~~ organization code and user name by the department;

ITEM 6. Amend subparagraph 7.11(4)“a”(6) as follows:

(6) The admitting official of a licensed child care center, elementary school, ~~or~~ secondary school, or postsecondary school; or medical or health care providers providing continuity of care.

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 7.12(1) as follows:

7.12(1) *Between a physician, physician assistant, nurse, or certified medical assistant and the elementary, ~~or~~ secondary, or postsecondary school or licensed child care center that the student attends.* A physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant shall disclose a student’s immunization information, including the student’s name, date of birth, and demographic information, the month, day, year and vaccine(s) administered, and clinic source and location, to an elementary, ~~or~~ secondary, or postsecondary school or a licensed child care center upon written or verbal request from the elementary, ~~or~~ secondary, or postsecondary school or licensed child care center. Written or verbal permission from a student or parent is not required to release this information to an elementary, ~~or~~ secondary, or postsecondary school or licensed child care center that the student attends.

ITEM 8. Amend subrule 7.12(3) as follows:

7.12(3) *Among an elementary school, secondary school, postsecondary school, and licensed child care center that the student attends.* An elementary school, secondary school, ~~and~~ postsecondary school, or licensed child care center shall disclose a student’s immunization information, including the student’s last name, first name, date of birth, and demographic information, the month, day, and year of vaccine(s) administered, and clinic source and location, to another elementary school, secondary school, ~~and~~ postsecondary school, or licensed child care center that the student attends. Written or verbal permission from a student, or if the student is a minor, the student’s parent or guardian, is not required to release this information to an elementary school, secondary school, ~~and~~ postsecondary school, or licensed child care center that the student attends.